

Letter from Edward J. Hall to Alexander Graham Bell, June 27, 1903

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CHARLES EUSTIS HUBBARD, SECRETARY. New York. June 27, 1903. WILLIAM R. DRIVER, TREASURER. Alexander Graham Bell, Esq., Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, My dear Mr. Bell:

Please send Mr Grosvenor copy of this letter & also copy of letter of March 25, 1878 AGB

I have been absent from the city for some time and find your letter of June 8th awaiting my return.

I am greatly obliged for the copy of your paper of March 25th, 1878, which is extremely interesting, and shows that you had at that time a clear idea of the commercial possibilities of your invention.

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The development of the telephone in public service has followed very closely along the lines you then outlined, and is today advancing at a more rapid rate than ever before in its history.

The first commercial exchange was installed in New Haven, Connecticut, in February, 1878, thus anticipating somewhat the date at which you put your views in writing; but I have no doubt that long before that time you had formulated in your own mind the methods by which your invention would come into practical use.

Yours very truly, Edward J. Hall